

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 45. (cancelled)

46. (previously presented) A cosmetic formulation, wherein the formulation comprises a microemulsion which comprises (a) one or more antiperspirant active ingredients and (b) one or more α -hydroxycarboxylic acids which comprise mandelic acid.

47. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the microemulsion comprises an O/W microemulsion.

48. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation comprises a microemulsion gel.

49. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 47, wherein the formulation comprises an O/W microemulsion which comprises an oil phase, a water phase and less than 20% by weight of one or more emulsifiers, based on a total weight of the microemulsion.

50. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 49, wherein the one more emulsifiers comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated and polyethoxylated and polypropoxylated O/W emulsifiers.

51. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 50, wherein the one more emulsifiers comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from fatty alcohol ethoxylates, fatty acid ethoxylates, and polyethylene glycol glyceryl fatty acid esters.

52. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 50, wherein the one or more emulsifiers further comprise one or more W/O emulsifiers.

53. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 49, wherein droplets of a discontinuous oil phase are joined together by one or more crosslinker substances whose molecules comprise at least one hydrophilic region which has a size suitable for bridging a distance between the droplets and at least one hydrophobic region which is able to enter into hydrophobic interaction with the droplets.

54. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the one or more antiperspirant active ingredients comprise one or more aluminum salts.

55. (currently amended) The cosmetic formulation of claim ~~[[57]]~~ 54, wherein the one or more aluminum salts comprise aluminum chlorohydrate, activated aluminum chlorohydrate, or both.

56. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein a ratio of (a) to (b) is from 15 : 1 to 1 : 1.

57. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 56, wherein the ratio is from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

58. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 54, wherein the formulation comprises from 1% to 35% by weight of (a), based on a total weight of the formulation.

59. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 58, wherein the formulation comprises up to 20% by weight of (a).

60. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation comprises from 0.1% to 10% by weight of (b), based on a total weight of the formulation.

61. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation

has a defined yield point.

62. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 61, wherein the formulation has a yield point of from 40 to 120 Pa, determined at 25°C by means of a shear stress time ramp of 40 Pa/min.

63. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation is transparent.

64. (previously presented) A cosmetic formulation, wherein the formulation is transparent, is suitable for application to human skin, and comprises a microemulsion which comprises from 1% to 25% by weight, based on a total weight of the formulation, of (a) one or more antiperspirant active ingredients which comprise aluminum chlorohydrate, activated aluminum chlorohydrate, or both, and from 0.1% to 10% by weight, based on a total weight of the formulation, of (b) one or more α -hydroxycarboxylic acids which comprise mandelic acid.

65. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 64, wherein the microemulsion comprises an O/W microemulsion.

66. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 64, wherein the formulation

comprises a microemulsion gel.

67. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 65, wherein the O/W microemulsion comprises an oil phase, a water phase and less than 20% by weight of one or more emulsifiers, based on a total weight of the microemulsion.

68. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 67, wherein the one more emulsifiers comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated and polyethoxylated and polypropoxylated O/W emulsifiers.

69. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 67, wherein the one more emulsifiers comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from fatty alcohol ethoxylates, fatty acid ethoxylates, and polyethylene glycol glyceryl fatty acid esters.

70. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 68, wherein the one or more emulsifiers further comprise one or more W/O emulsifiers.

71. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 70, wherein one or more W/O emulsifiers comprise glyceryl monostearate.

72. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 64, wherein a ratio of (a) to (b)

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is from 15 : 1 to 1 : 1.

73. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 64, wherein the formulation comprises up to 20% by weight of (a) and up to 8% by weight of (b).

74. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 66, wherein the formulation has a defined yield point.

75. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 74, wherein the formulation has a yield point of from 40 to 120 Pa, determined at 25°C by means of a shear stress time ramp of 40 Pa/min.